



CASAS POR CRISTO MEXICO FAMILY MISSIONS TRIP PACKET 2011

Thank you for your interest in the Family Mexico Missions Trip on Memorial Day weekend. Please carefully read the entire packet and pray over your involvement. There are a limited number of spaces available so applicants will be taken on a first come first serve basis, with all requirements fulfilled.

We will only be saving spots for those people who:

- ✓ Submit completed application
- ✓ Attach payment in full; \$90/person (check made payable to GHCC)
- ✓ Have secured their ride
- ✓ Have a current passport

Applications and money must be turned in together to be accepted.

When your application has been processed you will be notified of the orientation date. We look forward to serving with you this year.

CASAS POR CRISTO
MEXICO FAMILY MISSIONS TRIP
MAY 26-29, 2011

Who can go?

Those who are willing and able bodied (**age 7 and older**) may go.

We also ask that any minor be accompanied by an adult (i.e. a family can “adopt” a teen).

When are we going?

We will be leaving on Thursday, May 26, and returning Sunday, May 29.

Where are we going?

We will be going to El Florido, Mexico, a nearby suburb of Tijuana.

How will we get there?

We will be traveling by caravan from the GHCC parking lot to San Diego. From there we will cross the border into Mexico. If you have a vehicle that you can take to Mexico, please plan on driving.

Where will we stay?

We will be staying in a dormitory in El Florido. The accommodations are rustic. We will be sleeping on wooden bunk beds (equipped with thin pads as “mattresses”). Men and women have separate rooms for sleeping. Children are to stay in the same room as their parent of the same gender (e.g., fathers and sons sleep in the same room). If a parent of the same gender as the child is not on the trip, the child would then sleep in a room separate from the parent (there are plenty of “moms” and “dads” to help look out for the child).

Next to the sleeping areas upstairs, there are bathrooms with flushing toilets and running water for washing and bottled water for drinking.

Showers can be taken at a local public bath house (as available) for \$3.00/person. There are 10 available showers that are very clean.

Why are we going?

1. To glorify God by laboring in His name (Matt. 5:16).
2. To witness “in Judea and Samaria” (Acts 1:8, Matt. 28:19+20).
3. To acquaint ourselves and our children with the needs of others, and the opportunities available to help meet those needs. (Matt. 25:36-40)
4. To develop a cross-cultural awareness through exposure to the Mexican culture.

What will we be doing?

Physically, our primary job will be to build homes for people who have asked for housing and who have been interviewed by the missionary. Some of the families will be believers, some will not. Most of the families will have small children. The houses we build will be single room structures that are either 12’x12’ or 12’x16’. They are made from 2x4’s and plywood with a tarpaper roof. They are of a simple design and are easy to build. Depending on the work crew, a house will take from 4 to 6 hours to build. The goal, however, is not to build houses as fast as possible. Leave your “Type A” personality at home! The Mexican people are a relationally oriented people, not task oriented as we often are. It is better to spend time with the families developing relationships with them rather than getting the house completed within six hours. If you are unable to assist with building, there are other tasks you can do such as giving out toys, clothes, Bibles, and salvation bracelets.

Spiritually, we may have opportunities to share Christ with the families and with others in the neighborhood. Remember, God is going to be working on you this weekend. Have open hearts, and be ready to listen to God. Your attitude as well as your actions will be observed.

“Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” I Corinthians 10:31

What is expected of me?

Preparation - Equip yourself with a servant's heart and attitude. Be prepared to be an ambassador of your country and of Christ. We do not want to be obnoxious American tourists! Develop an open mind that is ready to learn and observe.

Prayer - Among other things keep the following items in your prayers:

- 👉 *Heart s* – that God would touch our hearts and those we come in contact with.
- 👉 *Health* - before, during, and after the trip.
- 👉 *Safety* - at the worksites and walking around town
- 👉 *Attitudes* - ones of humility, and service
- 👉 *Opportunities to witness* - to the people in Mexico and to friends and relatives as we tell them about our trip
- 👉 *Travel* - safety, ease in crossing back and forth across the border, ability of the caravans to stay together, reliability of the vehicles
- 👉 *People* - the families for whom we will be building, others who witness the building, the Mexican people in general, our group going down, the missionaries in Mexico

Participation - You will be asked to participate as needed in the following areas: sorting clothes, toys, and candy, shopping for food, setting up for breakfast and lunches, cleaning the dorm bathrooms, vacuuming, loading wood and tools, assembling lunches, making sure your group has all its supplies for the day etc.

Perseverance - You must be flexible and adaptable. You might have to step out of your “comfort zone” on occasion.

How much will the trip cost?

You can expect to spend about \$100.00 - \$125.00 per person for the trip.

The basic cost is \$90.00 per person, which pays for the following:

- \$45.00 - boarding costs (requested by the Caravan Ministries)
- \$10.00 - food costs (includes breakfast & lunch for Friday & Saturday, & breakfast on Sunday)
- \$25.00 - house building fund, Bibles, salvation bracelets, and miscellaneous
- \$10.00 – T-Shirt
- Gas and Insurance is paid for by the drivers and riders should all pitch in.

Extra costs include:

- Dinner for Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday
- You can reasonably eat for \$8-13 per person at a taqueria, showers (\$3.00/person)

Bring an adequate amount of cash with you (U.S. dollars are accepted everywhere, smaller bills suggested, 1s, 5s, 10s).

Do not bring travelers checks!

Where does the money to build the houses come from?

The money for building materials comes from donations. Each house costs \$750.00 to build. All building materials are purchased in Mexico prior to our arrival. If you would like to donate, or know anyone else who would like to donate we encourage you to do so. Make checks payable to GHCC and write account #46 on the memo line. We build houses according to the amount of donation given each year.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”

Acts 1:8

What to Bring?

Remember - it's dusty, it's dirty, and space is limited.

Come with the love of Christ, a servant's heart, and the following:

- Bible for worship and devotion times (maybe a journal)
- Sack lunch for Thursday as we drive down
- Sleeping bag and pillow (air mattress is optional since the beds have foam mattresses)
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, comb/brush, DEODORANT, etc.)
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Work clothes (long pants, tee shirt, boots, hat, work gloves) **YOU WILL GET DIRTY**
- Casual clothes for evenings out to dinner (clean jeans, clean tee-shirt, etc.)
SHORTS AND TANK TOPS ARE NOT ALLOWED, EVEN AROUND THE DORM OR IN THE EVENINGS.
- Sleep attire, comfortable and modest...you will be around people of the opposite sex. Even though there are separate rooms for men and women there is not a lot of privacy. Also keep in mind that the bathrooms are down the hall from the sleeping rooms.
- Casual clothes for the drive home Sunday.
- Water bottle that can be re-filled and kept with you at the work site.
Please mark your bottle with your name.
- **1 roll of toilet paper per person (everyone will be glad you did)**
- **1 large box of cereal per family to be shared at breakfast**
- Inexpensive toys and candy to give away to local kids (i.e. jump ropes, balls, bubbles, McDonald's toys, etc.) (optional)
- Handy wipes, wet wipes, or hand sanitizer (optional, but nice at the work site)
- Camera
- Flip flops for shower
- Sunglasses or Safety glasses, and gloves for building
- **United States Passport** as per current US Immigration Laws
- Alcohol and drugs are strictly forbidden on this trip

Schedule

Thursday, May 26

5:30 a.m. - Meet in GHCC foyer after loading vehicles

(Arrive early enough to be ready to go at 6:00)

6:00 a.m. - Depart

Stop at Harris Ranch for restrooms

Stop for lunch and fuel @ 11:30 a.m. at Lavel Rd, Interstate 5

Regroup in San Diego before crossing border

Caravan across the border

Go to the dorm and unpack

Welcome and Orientation

Dinner

10:00 p.m. – Bedtime

Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28

6:30 a.m. - Wake up and get ready

7:00 a.m. - Personal devotions

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - Group worship and Bible study

9:00 a.m. – Load vehicles and make lunches

10:00 a.m. – Leave for building sites

1:00 p.m. - Lunch at building site

? - Showers and dinner (time depends on your group)

9:00 p.m. – All inside dorm

10:00 p.m. – Quiet Time/Lights out

Sunday, May 29

7:00 a.m. - Wake up, get ready, clean up, and pack the vehicles

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - Group worship, sharing time

9:00 a.m. - Clean the dorms

10:00 a.m. - Head for home

Emergency numbers only to be used for EXTREME EMERGENCIES

Dormitory (where we will stay) 011-52-664-646-2732

Eddie and Maggie Passmore (Caravan Coordinator) (619) 934-4871

Questions & Answers

Is there a “no make-up” policy?

No, although it is assumed that an individual’s appearance would not bring any undue attention. The Mexican women do not wear makeup.

Are shorts allowed in the dorm (upstairs & downstairs) when there are no Mexican people present?

No. The only time shorts are allowed in Mexico is at bedtime. It is assumed that the only places in which you’ll be in shorts are the dorm bedrooms or a quick trip to the bathroom. If you wish to wear shorts on the way to or from Mexico, please change in San Diego.

Do kids under 18 need to sleep in the same room as their parents?

*Yes. Of course there are exceptions such as when a father comes with his daughter. Otherwise it is expected that parents will be with their kids.
Please do not go to bed and expect someone else to watch your children.*

Do adults need to adhere to the 10 pm “bedtime?”

Yes. Out of respect to the wishes of the mission organization with whom we are staying we need to adhere to that time. The hour between lights out and bedtime is designed to be a quiet time for those who want to “wind down” after the day’s events. Though socializing during this time is inevitable, it is expected that people will be quiet and will end that time at 10:00 pm.

What about public displays of affection PDA?

In the Mexican culture, if a couple is holding hands etc. it is assumed that they are involved sexually. It is offensive to the missionaries, interns, and Mexican people we are serving if teenage couples are touching each other. Those not being respectful of their wishes will be asked to leave.

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Keep this
Family Copy of your
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Please fill out completely and attach check to this application.
Make check payable to GHCC and write account #46 in the memo line.

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Preferred Contact Phone: _____ Cell Phone #: _____
Email Address: _____

Do you regularly attend Golden Hills? _____
If Yes, what areas of ministry are you currently serving? _____
If no, what Church do you attend / or who were you referred by? _____
Have you been on the Mexico Mission Trip Before? _____ How many Times? _____
Please briefly state why you are going on this trip: _____

Transportation (please check one):

_____ I will drive my own car, and caravan with others from the church.

The car will hold _____ extra people.

_____ I am riding with _____ (riders need to find their own rides).

Please note – we cannot arrange rides for you.

Please read the waiver (it continues onto the back side of this paper) and then have each traveler sign this application to acknowledge responsibility.

1. I fully understand that I may be traveling or staying in areas of the world which may have unstable political, economic and security situations where acts of war, potential danger from lack of control over local population, terrorism or violence could occur at any time.
2. I fully understand that I may encounter difficult climates and living conditions; that risks are present concerning means of travel, food, water, diseases, pests and poor sanitation and other health related situations. Medical or emergency medical treatment may be inadequate or not available and special accommodation for physical disabilities or limitations may not be available.

3. I accept and assume all responsibility for my person, actions and any and all risks of property damage or personal injury which occur during or result from my participation, including potential injury while working.
4. With the above in mind, I fully understand and agree that Golden Hills Community Church, all of its entities, their staff, members, successors, assigns, officers, agents, representatives, ministry divisions, and entities (hereinafter referred to as the **“Sponsor”**) or **Golden Hills**, all of its entities, their staff, members, successors, assigns, officers, agents, representatives, ministry divisions, and entities shall not be responsible or liable in any way for any accident, loss, death, injury or damage to myself or my property, in connection with the Program or any portion of the Program even if said injury or action is due to the alleged negligence of the Sponsor and/or Golden Hills. Further, I do hereby agree to indemnify and hold the Sponsor and/or Golden Hills harmless against and from any and all liabilities, damages, claims, suits, judgments and associated costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney’s fees) of whatsoever kind in connection with the Program or any portion of the Program. Further, I make the agreement on behalf of my heirs, agents, fiduciaries, successors and assigns. I waive, knowingly and voluntarily, each and every claim or right of action I have now or may have in the future against the Sponsor and/or Golden Hills related to the Program, even if any such claim or right of action is caused by the Sponsor’s and/or Golden Hills’s alleged negligence.
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6. I hereby state that I am in good health and have all medications necessary to treat any allergic or chronic conditions, and I am able to administer such medications without assistance. If at any time during the Program I need emergency care and am not able to give consent because of my physical or mental condition, I authorize emergency medical care decisions to be made on my behalf, and I specifically release the Sponsor and/or Golden Hills, in making those emergency medical care decisions, from any and all liability associated with said decisions, even if injury or death is the result of the Sponsor’s and/or Golden Hills’s alleged negligence.
7. This document does not release the Sponsor and/or Golden Hills from gross negligence.

I have read carefully, agree to, and intend to be legally bound by all terms of this Hold Harmless, Waiver of Liability, and Emergency Medical Care Authorization.

Signature _____	Printed Name _____
Signature _____	Printed Name _____
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Signature _____	Printed Name _____
Parent Signature _____	Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian is also required if participant is under 18 years of age.

Please keep this family copy of the application & waiver for your records – that is why there are two.

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